Visit of Israeli businessmen

1954. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that representatives of Confederation of Indian In. dustry had visited Israel last year and high level delegation of Israeli businessmen has visited this country recently; and

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposals have emerged out of these visits together with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPART. MENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP MENT) WITH ADDITIONAL STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IN DUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. A delegation from Confederation of Indian Industry visited Israel in September, 1992. In return, a high level delegation from Manufac turers Association of Israel (MAI) visi ted India in April, 1993.

(b) During the visit of the delegation from CII to Israel in September, 1992 a MOU was signed between the two organisations with a view to pro. mote/strengthen trade and technological and Industrial cooperation between the Indian and Israeli industries.

Slow growth of rubber industry in Punjab

1955. SHRI IQBAL SINGH; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growth rate of rubber industry in Punjab has been slow during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken by Government to increase the rubber production there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPART MENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP MENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IN DUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) "Rubber' is not produced in Punjab. However, for the development of the Rubber goods industry in Punjab, there is a proposal for strengthening the Rubber Goods Development Centre at Jul-lunder with UNDP assistance.

Investment in small scale units in Punjab

1956. SHRI IQBAL SINGH; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the total investment made by Government in Punjab in the small scale units during the period from 1st Jan uary, 1990 to till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Small scale units in the country including Punjab are set up by private entrepreneurs. Givernment do not make any direct investment in the establishment of small scale industrial units. However, Government provide various incentives and facilities including financial assistance for the development of small scale units. The role of Government is promotional and catalytic in nature.

Package of incentives to Punjab

1957. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the JPRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether if is a fact that Government have announced a package of incentives under the New Industrial Policy in regard to giving impetus to indus-rialisation in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPART. MENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP MENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IN DUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Economic reforms bitting domestic industry

1958. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that economic reforms are being introduced at the expense of the domestic industry and the nation;

(b) how the use of foreign brand name would help the economy or it would generate unfair competition to domestic industry; and

(c) the reasons why multinationals do not introduce good quality products efficiently and sell under Indian brand name and give a fair competition to domestic, national companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPART MENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP MENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IN DUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): It would not be correct to say that economic reforms are being intro duced at the expense of domestic in dustry or the nation. Available data Indicate that there has been an overall improvement in the investment climate, the performance of industry as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (Base: 1980-81-100) has improved con siderably during April-December 1992 93 as compared to the corresponding pe riod in the previous year, and the rate of inflation as measured by the Whole sale Prie, Index (Base:1981-82-100) has declined progressively from 16.7 per cent in August 1991 to 6.7 per cent in April 1993.

(b) and (c) Even earlier, the registration or use of foreign trade marks was not prohibited under the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958, although the use was discouraged under the administrative guidelines for foreign collaborations, especially for domestic sale of consumer products. However, with the Introduction of liberalised industrial and economic policies which encourage foreign investment and collaborations, the choice of brand names, domestic or foreign, is left to the choice of the investor. This is expected to enable Indian made products to compete internationally and also lead to greater competition and better quality of products

Closure of Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation

1959. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to close down the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Unit in Durgapur, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the workers of his unit would be rendered jobless; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not utilising the imported machinery of this Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPART MENT OF INDUSTRIAL . DEVELOP MENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IN DUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI); No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.